

To Whome It May Concern,

I am a newer ham being licensed in 2000. The reason I got into Amateur Radio was to talk long distances and I am now in the process of learning the code to upgrade my license. I am doing this because CW has always interested me and it is a mode I would like to use along with phone on HF. However, I know a lot of hams don't share in my enjoyment of CW, and I don't think they have to. If certain hams want to use CW, fine, but for those who don't I do not agree with forcing them to learn it just to get on HF. I don't think we should totally eliminate CW testing though. I think it should be kept at the Extra license class and a harder question test given at the General Class level. Maybe make some frequencies Extra only phone, General only phone, and some shared by all. Just my opinion.

Thank You,

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